(c) whether Government have issued any show cause notices to the companies not complying with the requirements of law; and

(d) if so, the names of defaulting companies and action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) Companies registered under the Companies Act, 1956 are required to hold annual general meetings as per provisions of Section 166 of the Act. A company is required to send annual audited report with its annexures to the members as per provisions of Section 219 of the Act. The Registrars of Companies (ROCs) are not required to maintain records to the effect that companies have sent annual audited reports to the shareholders. In case of default coming to their notice, the ROCs issue default notices and initiate penal action.

Setting up of Family Courts

† 2358. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Family Courts to be set up by Government under the Family Courts Act, 1984, State-wise,

(b) the number of such courts set up from 1984 to March, 2001, State-wise;

(c) the number of cases pending in these courts alongwith the period of pendency thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether Government propose to set up these courts in every State as per the target fixed for each State; and

(e) if so, the concrete steps Government have taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a), (b), (d) and (c) Family Courts Act, 1984 is an enabling Act. As per Section 3 of the Act, the State Government after consultation with the concerned High Court, may establish a Family Court for every area comprising a city or town whose population exceeds one million. No target has been fixed by the Central Government in this connection.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

However, periodically the Central Government has been writing to the State Governments and Union Territories including Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to establish more Family Courts. The State-wise number of Family Courts set up is given in Statement-I *(see* below).

(c) The available information is given at Statement-II.

Statement-I

State-wise Number of Family Courts

Sl.No.	Name of the State	No. of Family Courts set up
1.	Andhra Pradesh	07
2	Assam	01
3.	Bihar	01
4.	Gujarat	04
5.	Jharkhand	03*
6.	Karnataka	08
7.	Kerala	07
8.	Maharashtra	16
9.	Manipur	01
10.	Orissa	02
11.	Rajasthan	06
12	Sikkim	01
13.	Tamil Nadu	06
14.	Uttar Pradesh	14
15.	Uttaranchal	02
16.	West Bengal	02
17.	UTofPondicherry	01
	TOTAL:	82

* Include 2 Family Courts set up on 16.6.2001

Statement-II

State-wise number of Court was pending

Name of the State	Total No. of cases pending	No. of cases pending over three years	As on
Andhra Pradesh	4460	15	30.6.97
Assam	833	35	30.6.01
Bihar	1394	not available	30.6.01
Gujarat	8840	1836	30.6.2000"
Jharkhand	2309	110	3.8.2001
Karnataka	7805	1046	31.3.2001
Kerala	20017	1513	30.6.2001
Maharashtra	18213	2155	31.12.2000
Manipur	not available	—	—
Orissa	3585	164	31.3.2001
Rajasthan	6665	not available	31.9.2000
Sikkim	80	not available	30.9.2000
Tamil Nadu	7188	356	31.3.2001
Uttar Pradesh	33300*	not available	31.10.2000
Uttaranchal	2761	not available	3.8.2001
West Bengal	629	not available	31.12.2000
UTofPondicherry	430	W	31.3.2001
Total:	1,18,509	7234	

* Matrimonial cases only